

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Below is the list of additional patents, articles or publications, which may be pertinent to the issuance of the pending application. Photocopies of these documents are attached, as is a complete Form USPTO -1449.

US 4606834.

DE-OS 27 26 461. This document describes mixed polymerisate complexes which can be used in particular as lubricating oil additives. Specifically, the copolymers described in this reference can be used as VI improvers and dispersants.

US 03892671

Elias et al., Makromolekule [Macromolecules], 6th edition (1999) at pg. 342. This publication discloses how to achieve radically prepared polymers in a narrow molecular weight distribution.

Odian et al., Principles of Polymerization, 3rd edition (1991), at pg. 296

DE-OS 17 94 257. This document discloses a lubricating oil composition consisting of an oil soluble copolymer of at least 1 unit (A) of general formula [certain mono or diesters or nitrogen compounds]. In an example, [Ex. 1] a copolymer is prepared from maleic anhydride and dodecylmethacrylate, further reacted with cyclohexylamine.

In addition to these aforementioned references, attached is a copy of papers that were submitted in an opposition in the EPO against the EP equivalent of this application. In particular see an affidavit from the opponent pertaining to an alleged sale in the United States of a product said to be similar to what is being claimed by the present Inventors in the current application, and a second affidavit from the opponent disclosing the composition of the alleged similar product.

